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BELORUSSIAN CONSTRUCTION LAGS;
USSR CITIES PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

MANY ENTERPRISES BEHIND ON PLANS, -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 110, 4 Jun 49

Construction organizations in the Belorussian SSR are not utilizing all available means for mechanizing construction and for converting to high-speed industrial construction methods, with the result that, in the last 3 years, the large sums appropriated by the state for capital construction have not been fully used. There has been little improvement in this situation in the first 4 months of 1949.

Among the construction enterprises which are not meeting the capital construction plan are a number of oblast trusts of the Ministry of Civilian Housing Construction, oblast administrations of "Glavpromstroy" (Main Administration of Construction of Industrial Enterprises) of the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR, branch construction trusts which are reconstructing food and machine-tool building enterprises, ministries of the timber and paper, light, and food industries. The number of projects not completed on schedule has resulted in freezing State funds and in a considerable increase in construction costs.

Leading construction enterprises which are meeting their plans include "Beltraktorostroy" (Construction of Belorussian Tractor Enterprises), "Avtopromstroy" (Construction of Automobile Industry Enterprises), and "Glavminskstroy" (Main Administration of Reconstruction of the City of Minsk). These enterprises have all pledged to complete the 1949 capital construction plan ahead of schedule by 7 November.

BEREZNICKI PLANS CITY IMPROVEMENTS -- Izvestiya, No 130, 4 Jun 49

City improvements in Berezniki, large center of the chemical industry in Molotov Oblast, are being extended this year. The 1949 plans call for construction of 27 multistory houses, schools, two kindergartens, nurseries, a hotel, and other such establishments, as well as a 52-hectare park in the center of the city. A recent session of the city soviet approved plans for further city development.

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KARAGANDA CITY CONSTRUCTION INCREASED -- Pravda, No 155, 4 Jun 49

In 1948, many houses, eight schools, a polyclinic, and a bakery were built in Karaganda. This year, construction and improvement of the city is being done on an even wider scale. Eight multistory houses are being built in the center of the new part of the city. It is planned to build four new schools and two clubs. Streets are being asphalted and streetcar lines extended. The first line, 11 kilometers long, connects the central part of the city with mines and workers' settlements in the rayons.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY IN CHELYABINSK -- Pravda Ukrainsk, No 124, 28 May 49

Considerable work is being done in improving the city of Chelyabinsk. New streetcar lines are being laid. Many streets are being surfaced with asphalt and thousands of trees have been set out.

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